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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Last Week's E-Light

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PDCC E-Light Newsletter

Baptism?

Galatians 3:15-29

Do you ever think about your baptism; what does it mean to you? Does the motto of the UCC come to mind? A good question of the day might be, **what is the motto of the UCC?** Let's see how many of you read this and look it up :)

I could also ask, what is your **favorite** book of the Bible? What do you think about Galatians? It would be a challenge to overstate the importance of this letter from the Apostle Paul. Why do I say that? Come to worship Sunday and I hope you will understand why I say such a thing.

This Sunday, January 11th our faith family will gather for worship at our Contemporary Worship Service (beginning at 10 am), as we give thanks for the gift of Baptism, and ponder what that could mean for us on a regular basis. See you soon!

Peace and Joy, Brother Fred



Worship Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers of January 11 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elizabeth and Henry Kling by the Swain family.

Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or simply give to the glory of God. If you are interested in donating Sanctuary flowers for January or February, please contact Lynn McCall 401-742-3949.

Youth Connect is Back This Sunday

Yay! Youth Connect returns this Sunday, January 11 at 10 AM. All preschoolers through high schoolers are invited!



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January Flower Purchases Benefit Peace Dale Dinner Table

In January, purchases of specially-marked flower bouquets at the Narragansett Stop and Shop will generate donations to the Peace Dale Dinner Table (\$1 per bouquet). The Narragansett Stop and Shop has again selected Dinner Table as the local hunger organization of the month for January. Thank you Narragansett Stop and Shop!

The Peace Dale Dinner Table is currently providing more than 250 meals each Wednesday as well as a smaller sit-down dinner with Bistro on Tuesdays.



On the Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 11 @
10am Contemporary Worship; Youth Connect is back

Sunday, Jan. 18 @
10am Contemporary Worship

Sunday, Jan. 25 @
10am Family Worship Service

Mondays @ 6:30pm NA Meeting – Learn to Live

Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer Warriors / Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA Meeting

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm Bell Choir rehearsals

Thursdays @ 6pm Contemporary Choir reh.

Thursdays @ 7:30pm Traditional Choir rehearsal

Painting Class with Susan Sward – 1/24

Join PDCC member and artist Susan Sward as we paint the beautiful Eastern Bluebird. No experience necessary. All materials will be provided.

Bring a light lunch or snack.

January 24 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$55, please pay in advance

Class Limit: 12

Signup in Fellowship Hall or mail check to Susan Sward, 1 Spring Street, Wakefield RI 02879



Lost and Found

Found: a pair of eyeglasses. Lost and Found is in the Church Office

Book Discussion Group: What If We Get It Right?

The Green Team is sponsoring a discussion group for the landmark environmental book **What If We Get It Right?** by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson.



This insightful book is about possibility and transformation. It's about what the world could be like if we charge ahead with the array of climate solutions we have at our fingertips, solutions at the intersection of science, policy, culture and justice. These pages conjure a thriving (and quite different) world, and show us that is worth the effort – the overhaul – to get there, together. This book is a quest to answer a question not asked often enough about the climate crisis: What if we get it right?

This publication is highly recommended for individuals interested in environmental issues and effective strategies to address climate change. Reading this will create a catalyst for in-depth discussion and hopefully result in action.

SIGN UP TO JOIN IN! There will be a sign up in Fellowship Hall after church service. You can also call or email George Faucher (gfaucher@gmail.com; 978-376-9769) or Jim Blackerby (jblackerby12@gmail.com; 401-533-7382)

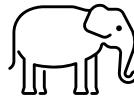
Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson is a marine biologist, policy expert, writer and teacher working to help create the best possible climate future. She co-founded and leads Urban Ocean Lab, a think tank for the future of coastal cities, and the Roux Distinguished Scholar at Bowdoin College. In addition to being a writer and teacher she co-hosts the podcast How to Save a Planet, and co-authored the *Blue New Deal*.

Join PDCC Green Team!

For anyone, of all ages, interested in learning more about the "Green Team", please contact George Faucher at gfaucher@gmail.com and/or Don Hermes at dhermes33@gmail.com



White Elephants



Items are flowing in and the tissue that is being collected will be so handy to wrap the breakables. Thank you!

We need a **work day: Tues. 1/13 from 10 to 11:30 AM.**

Social Justice in Action



For THIS WEEK'S list of events and opportunities, check out the [Social Justice Committee info](#) on the Missions or Groups section of our PDCC website. Submitted by Joanne Haynes

Volunteer for Bistro Dinner Table on Tuesdays



Bistro sit-down community dinners in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 4:30pm!

At this time, we really have a **need for additional volunteers** for the Bistro. It **does not need to be an every-week commitment.**

The Bistro serves approximately 35 guests at tables, much like a restaurant. We need help to prepare and cook the meal, prepare salads, serve patrons (salad, dinner, dessert, coffee and tea), as well as cleanup and dishwashing. We also have a volunteer to make individual desserts. If you can help out, or are interested, but want more information, please contact Cynthia Cherney (or the Church Office at office@peacedalechurch.org 401 789-7313).

Local Events Listing

The Local Events Listing in the E-Light will be paused for several weeks and although the bulletin board will be available for anyone to post upcoming (non-political) events, I will not be making regular additions.

Sources for local things to do are: South Kingstown and PDCC Facebook Pages, The Independent, SK Patch, Eventbrite and our libraries (note the Peace Dale library will be closed from 1/5/26 for 2 or 3 months, Hale & Kingstown branches will remain open.) Jane Stabile

Come Sing or Ring with Us!



Our **singers** welcome you! Rehearsals are Thursday 6pm for Praise Team and 7:30pm for Traditional Choir.

Our **bell ringers**

welcome you! Teenagers on up in age. Ability to read music is a plus. Practice Tuesdays @ 6:30pm.



Ask a choir member after worship or send an email to office@peacedalechurch.org

Once-a-Month Singers



We're back and joining in for the next **Family Service** – **January 25**. Our emphasis is on enthusiasm. You do not have to read music. To practice ahead, we'll supply a video, lyrics and usually the music for each song. Only one optional rehearsal at 9 AM before the service. Come meet Dan Monte, our new music director and join us for a fun singing experience. **CONTACT** jane.stabile@outlook.com

Layer Lovers Sale

January 10th only

Get any sweater
and choose

ANY TOP

FREE

GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!

SHOP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Open Saturdays 9:30am- 12:30pm

Monthly Third Tuesdays 4-7pm

Office Door from Parking Lot, downstairs

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tabitha@peacedalechurch.org



Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am-12:30pm

At this time, we particularly need:

- Volunteers for Friday 3-5pm to sort
- Volunteers Saturday mornings 9:00am-1:00pm

Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's clothing ministry, offers new and gently-used clothing for affordable suggested donations. **Get what you need, pay what you can.**

DONATIONS We are taking winter items for men, women, and children, as well as costume jewelry. Please hold on any spring/summer clothing donations given our limited storage space. We ask that clothing donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

We happily accept current-season clothing: shirts, pants, skirts, dresses, shorts, sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves for children and adults, belts, purses, costume jewelry. We accept shoes that are new or lightly-used. See peacedalechurch.org for a list of what we do and do not accept.

VOLUNTEER!! We would love more volunteers! If you would like to help sort clothes, staff this effort, or do marketing, please contact tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

LATEST UPDATES on Instagram
[#shoptabithascloset](#).

TABITHA SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY

We serve people every week whose need exceeds their ability to pay and who are happy to gain new-to-them clothing and shoes. We also have shoppers who contribute



the full "ticket price" or more for items, knowing that we reinvest the funds in the church and our missions, and to support community partners.

We are reinvesting the money raised to support social services in our community – such as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Church World Service Kits, Peace Dale Dinner Table, Gratitude Tree w Jonnycake Center, Tri County Community Action Agency, and Youth LGBTQ Closet (Youth Pride RI).

January Mission of the Month: Domestic Violence Resource Center

We begin the new year by supporting a critical organization in our community as our mission of the month. The Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County is a non-profit making an important difference in the lives and futures of many individuals and families here in South County.

From their webpage:

"The Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County (DVRCSC) is a nonprofit agency that works toward a future free of violence, and to build a community in which each individual shares the responsibility to create a culture of safety and personal dignity.

"We work collaboratively to offer safety, support, advocacy, education and a network of services to the residents of Washington County. The DVRCSC is dedicated to both preventing and responding to domestic violence by working to change the social conditions, beliefs, and social actions that perpetuate abuse."

DVRC provides a comprehensive range of services for victims of domestic violence and their children, including a confidential Safe Home, Transitional Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing units, a Helpline & Drop-In Center, Support Groups, One-on-One Counseling and Court Advocacy.

All services – residential, counseling, court advocacy – are provided free of charge to all clients regardless of their financial situation. Gifts allow DVRC to continue this life-saving work by directly assisting clients and their children who are experiencing domestic violence.

More information about the DVRCSC is available at <https://dvrsc.org/>

Donate by putting your gift in the offering basket during worship, sending a check to the church, or clicking the Donate Now button on this page.

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Board

www.peacedalechurch.org/missions

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support the Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County with your Mission of the Month donations in January. Donate by 1) placing your gift in the Missions basket during Sunday service, 2) sending a check to the church office @ 261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI 02879, **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "DVRC" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

[Give now](#)

Pumpkin Patch Superlative



The December Mission of the Month has collected to date \$7,324 for the Peace Dale Dinner Table.

The Christmas Eve offering collected \$984 for the UCC Veterans of the Cross Fund to support emergency funds for retired UCC clergy and employees.

Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kits

→There are some changes to the supply lists.

Please help us collect supplies! With the help of our congregation, Women's Fellowship has continued to increase the number of kits we make each year. Kits are sent to areas where natural disasters have occurred. Please add these items to your shopping lists and leave them in boxes provided in Fellowship Hall. We have found these items in Job Lot, Wal-Mart and Dollar Tree.

Thank you for helping to make another successful year supporting this world-wide mission. UPDATED supplies list:

KIDS KIT

- Glue stick (new item)
- Box of 12 colored pencils (new item)
- 2-pocket folder (new item)
- Rounded tip scissors
- 70-count spiral bound notebooks
- 12 inch ruler
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- Large eraser
- Unsharpened pencils
- 24 pack crayons



HYGIENE KIT

- Travel-size stick deoderant (3.4 oz or less) (new item)
- Travel-size lotion fragrance-free (3.4 oz or less) (new item)
- Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz or less) (new item)
- Travel-size toothpaste with expiration date at least 1 year out (3.4 oz or less) (new item)
- Wash cloth
- Wide-tooth comb
- Fingernail or toenail clipper
- Bath-size bar of soap in wrapper
- Toothbrush in original package



We also need handmade cotton bags w/cloth handles for School Kits. Sally Bradley has the pattern.

Submitted by Judy Healy

We Will Take Tissue Paper



We would appreciate having non-ripped holiday tissue paper (not wrapping paper) to use for White Elephant & Grampa's Attic delicate items in storage. This also helps divert trash from our landfills.

There will be a box next to the copy room just for tissue paper until 1/18/26. Thank you

QUESTIONS: call/text Gabby at 401 932-8350

2026 Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes are available on the table in the hallway outside of Hoxie Lounge. If your envelopes are missing, there is a sign-up sheet there as well.



If you do not need your envelopes, you may recycle them or give them to the church office or leave them on the table. Submitted by David Nelson

Walker Available

A walker donated to us may be just what you need. Contact the church office (call 401-789-7313 or email office@peacedalechurch.org).



Congregational Care: Caring for Others

WE NEED YOU! Congregational care has always been one of the most important missions of Peace Dale Congregational Church and we need you. There are three ways you can enhance this very important part of our church family's mission:

1. **JOIN.** Join the Prayer Circle (meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the church's community lounge on the third floor) or the Prayer Shawl Group that meets once a month (Carol Edwards is there to teach knitting and crocheting if you want to learn).
2. **DO.** If you can help with any of the following efforts to provide a special sense of support or just a caring thought, please let us know:
 - send cards,
 - make phone calls,
 - deliver flowers or prayer shawl,
 - visit someone.
3. **SHARE.** Let someone on Prayer Circle (listed below) know of anyone you think could use prayers, a prayer shawl, a card, a phone call, or a visit, so we can fulfill a thoughtful caring gesture. Prayers can also be requested in church during Joys and Concerns or using the colorful pew cards; or through the [online form](#) on our website.

LET US KNOW! Sometimes we do not hear about folks who could use a special extra touch of caring; please let us know if you need our caring.

Shalom with love, Prayer Circle

Linda Jeans (LTJeans@ verizon.net), Carol Edwards (caedwards760@ gmail.com), Joanne Haynes (joanne@ haynesrandj.com), Betsy Nelson (betsynelson10@ verizon.net), Paula Campbell (phedbat9@gmail.com), Norma Brooks, Darlene Hermes (dhermes44@ gmail.com), Christine Grevstad (christinegrevstad@ hotmail.com), Bea MacGregor (bmacgregor47@ gmail.com), Thomas Mather, Laura Lehrman (lauralehrmankelly@ gmail.com), Claudia Swain, Cindy Fish (cbfish0171@ gmail.com), Enid Watson (watsonenid@ gmail.com), and Pastor Fred (fred.e@ mac.com).

Gift Cards with a Kick

Stop by the RaiseRight table in Fellowship Hall after service each Sunday and let us help you with your shopping.



You get a card for the full amount and every retailer gives money back to the church for the money you spend.

Use RaiseRight to buy:

- **gift cards** for teachers, service providers, family, birthdays, and special occasions.
- **cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries, etc.

IN STOCK CURRENTLY – Amazon, Applebee's, Dunkin, TJ Maxx/Marshalls, Matunuck Oyster Bar, Old Mountain Lanes, Panera, Starbucks, VISA, and Walmart as well as all the local grocery stores.

PLANNING TO TRAVEL? RaiseRight offers Airline gift cards, Gas gift cards, and Hotel gift cards. All of these cards can be *special ordered* ahead of time.

QUESTIONS? Contact Deb Shaw or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.

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